

EXHIBIT 1
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Dear Representative Ankney, members of the Committee,

My name is Bob Winger and I am president of Boilermakers Local 11. I rise in support of HB .I recognize the importance of regulations promoting a clean environment. However we need to insure Montana's business climate stays competitive. Presently we are one of a few states requiring mercury control. This process is very expensive. I applaud our utilities that have implemented controls at their facilities. None of our neighboring states require these costly controls, thereby raising the cost of investing in Montana produced energy. This sends the wrong signal at a time when good paying, sustainable jobs are so needed. Let's remove this burdensome roadblock. Mercury can be addressed when Federal requirements are implemented so all states are on an even playing field. Thank You for supporting this bill.

Bob Winger